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**Grant Award Details**

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**Grant Type:** Clinical Trial Stage Projects

**Grant Number:** CLIN2COVID19-11857

**Project Objective:** Primary objective of this Phase I/II clinical study is to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of human placental hematopoietic stem cell derived NK cells (CYNK-001) in the treatment of adults with COVID-19

**Investigator:**

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**Institution:** Celularity Inc

**Type:** PI

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**Disease Focus:** COVID-19, Infectious Disease, Respiratory Disorders

**Human Stem Cell Use:** Adult Stem Cell

**Award Value:** \$750,000

**Status:** Active

**Grant Application Details**

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**Application Title:** A phase I/II study of human placental hematopoietic stem cell derived natural killer cells (CYNK-001) for the treatment of adults with COVID-19

**Public Abstract:****Therapeutic Candidate or Device**

Human placental hematopoietic stem cell derived natural killer cells (CYNK-001)

**Indication**

SARS-CoV-2 positive patients requiring hospital admission and have any 2 out of 3 symptoms: fever, cough, or positive disease-related chest x-ray.

**Therapeutic Mechanism**

CYNK-001 is allogenic, human placental hematopoietic stem cell-derived NK cells that express the dominant NK cells marker CD56 and lack lineage markers such as CD3, and CD19. CYNK-001 demonstrates a range of biological activities expected of NK cells, it can recognize and kill the stressed and/or virus-infected cells. With demonstrated safety data from in vivo and clinical study, it is concluded that CYNK-001 is the potential cellular therapy for COVID-19 treatment.

**Unmet Medical Need**

The primary objectives of the Phase I study is to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of CYNK-001 in COVID-19. The co-primary endpoints of Phase II study: A) To determine virologic efficacy of CYNK-001 in COVID-19 by rRT-PCR. B) To assess the impact of CYNK-001 on clinical symptoms.

**Project Objective**

Complete enrolling 86 patient for phase I/II study

**Major Proposed Activities**

- Complete phase I study for 14 COVID-19 patients enrollment
- Complete phase II study for 72 COVID-19 patients enrollment
- Clinical data record, collection and management

**Statement of Benefit to California:**

Provide potential stem cell based cellular therapeutic treatment for pandemic COVID-19, which will benefit not only for the State of California and its citizens, but for the people worldwide.

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